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REMARKS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action of the Examiner mailed January 4, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed March 13, 2006. Claims 20, 22-25, and 31 have been canceled by this Amendment. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-14, 17-19, 27, 29, 30, and 32 remain pending. Reconsideration and examination are respectfully requested.

Status of Applicant's Amendment-After-Final mailed March 2, 2006

The Advisory Action mailed March 13, 2006 indicates that the Amendment-After-Final mailed March 2, 2006 will not be entered because the proposed amendments raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search, and do not place the application in better form for appeal. Accordingly, this Amendment-After-Final assumes that the Amendment-After-Final mailed March 2, 2006 was not entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-14, 17-19, 27, 29, 30, and 32 are allowed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 103(a)

Claims 20 and 31 stand rejected as being anticipated by Brzezinski et al. (US 4,541,328). Claims 20 and 31 are rejected as being unpatentable over Cary et al. or Klingberg in view of Brzezinski et al. Applicants do not concede the correctness of these rejections, however, in the interest of furthering prosecution, claims 20 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application.

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Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-14, 17-19, 27, 29, 30, and 32 are now in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-359-9348.

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